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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2002**

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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **824****Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Mohamed S.M. Shakur
Examiner Name	
Group Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	106290

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 1.
- ☐
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number	
Deposit Account Name	

☐ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

- 2.
- ☒
- Payment Enclosed:**

☐ Check ☒ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1)** (\$) **740****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	4	1	84
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$) **84**

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Code	Large Entity (\$)	Fee Code	Small Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) 148 Statutory Disclaimer (\$110)					

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid **SUBTOTAL (3)** (\$) **0****SUBMITTED BY**Name (Print/Type) **John F. Spears, Jr.**Registration No.  
(Attorney/Agent)**27,392****Complete (if applicable)**Telephone **(847) 391-2037**

Signature

Date **October 8, 2001****WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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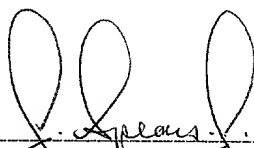
**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Mohamed S.M. Shakur
Title	MULTIPLE DOWNCOMER FRACTIONAL DISTILLATION TRAY AND PROCESS
Att'y Docket Number	ET668928700US

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

October 8, 2001

Date

  
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John F. Spears, Jr.  
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 27,392

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(a). The information is used by the public to request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (and the PTO to process that request). Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

MOHAMED S.M. SHAKUR et al.

**Docket:** 106290

**Title:** MULTIPLE DOWNCOMER FRACTIONAL DISTILLATION TRAY AND PROCESS

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP 609

Honorable Assistant  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) submit herewith documents which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which they believe there may be a duty to disclose the existence and contents thereof. These documents are cited in the above identified application and are listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. The relevance of each document is explained either within the specification of the above identified application or hereinbelow.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), nor as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission in any manner.

Copies of all listed documents are:

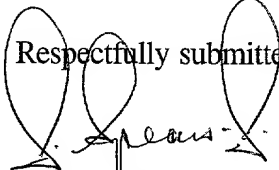
- ☒ attached hereto.
- ☐ attached hereto unless provided during the prosecution of the parent application,  
U.S. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Related Applications:

- ☐ In addition to the documents cited in the specification, applicant wishes to point out copending application U.S. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ This copending application relates to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The inventive entity is the same.

The owner of the above applications is the same.

Initialing of each document after its consideration by the Examiner is now respectfully requested in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
John F. Spears, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 27,392

Date: October 8, 2001

JFS:sb